

A BILL

FOR AN ACT REPEALING SECTIONS 231, 4256 AND 4291, AND ENACTING SUBSTITUTES THEREFOR, RELATING TO THE GRAND JURY AND THE NUMBER OF GRAND JURORS.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa :*

SECTION 1. That section 231 of the Code of Iowa be and the same is hereby repealed, and the following enacted in lieu thereof :

Sec. 231. The number of grand jurors shall be five, and in counties containing less than fifteen thousand inhabitants as shown by the last preceding census, the trial jurors shall consist of fifteen unless the judge otherwise orders. But in counties containing a greater number of inhabitants the number of trial jurors shall be twenty-four.

SEC. 2. That section 4256 of the Code be and the same is hereby repealed, and the following enacted in lieu thereof :

Sec. 4256. At a term of court at which grand jurors are required to appear the panel shall be called, and the names of the grand jurors who shall appear shall be entered upon the record. If five grand jurors do not appear, or if the number appearing be reduced from any cause, either then or afterward, to less than five, the court may order the sheriff of the county to summon a sufficient number of qualified persons to complete the panel.

SEC. 3. That section 4291 of the Code be and the same is hereby repealed and the following enacted in lieu thereof :

Sec. 4291. An indictment cannot be found without the concurrence of four grand jurors ; and when so found it must be endorsed " A true bill," and the endorsement must be signed by the foreman of the grand jury.